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Dear Dr. Appgar,

After listening to your interview on the Phil Donahue Show this morning, I became quite alarmed. I am in desperate need of some advice. Please help me.

My baby boy is 19 months old and appears to be developing normally — perhaps a little slow in expressing speech, but everything else is fine. His receptive understanding appears normal.

When I was about 6 months pregnant with the baby, I followed the advice of my OB-GYN doctor, whom I had faith in, and had X-rays taken. I can't remember how many — maybe even 6.

The doctor told me I might be carrying twins, so he wanted the X-rays taken. I believed in his judgment.

Recently I have been hearing very disturbing - quite alarming - news about X-rays and the pregnant woman. I have read that they may cause childhood cancer and/or leukemia in the baby. I am beside myself with worry and concern. Please tell me the truth. Is this likely to happen to my little boy - what are the possibilities - and please are there any preventive means or measures we may take now? Does the fact that I've already had

the X-rays taken, have any future effects on my childbearing, or on future children I may have? Please advise.

These thoughts are disturbing me to such a degree that I find I cannot function normally.

I am anxiously awaiting your reply, and I sincerely thank you for any help you may be able to give me.

Thank you and God bless you,

Sincerely,

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